

# 238<sup>th</sup> COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



## LINEAGE

238<sup>th</sup> Airways and Communications Service Flight activated, 1 Nov 1953

238<sup>th</sup> Mobile Communications Flight

Redesignated 238<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron

Redesignated 238<sup>th</sup> Combat Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1985

## STATIONS

Meridian, MS

## ASSIGNMENTS

231st AACS Squadron

## COMMANDERS

Maj Ralph C. Brashier, Jr. #1970

Maj Richard L. Tolbert, #1981

1Lt John P. Stephens

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## Decorations

## EMBLEM

On a disc Blue divided by a vertical Green band fimbriated Yellow bearing a Yellow

Minuteman figure detailed Blue between two stars above and three stars below; a Silver Gray antenna in sinister emitting a Yellow lightning flash overall to top and to dexter a Silver Gray mobile control tower emitting a Yellow lightning flash, overall to top, all within a narrow Yellow border. Attached above the disc, a Green scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border. Attached below the disc, a Green scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "FIRST ON – LAST OFF" in Yellow letters.

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The Minuteman signifies that the unit is a National Guard element. The unit's communications mission is indicated by the antenna and the mobile tower. The stars represent the five squadrons of the Combat Communications Group.

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

On November 1, 1953 the 238th Airways and Communications Service Flight was activated, and commanded by 1Lt John P. Stephens. Although the 238th was assigned to the 231st AACS Squadron in Washington B.C., they became a tenant unit of the 186th and were located in buildings 108 and 109 on A Street, Meridian, MS. The mission of the 238th was to "provide a mobile capability of the installation, operation, and maintenance of airways communications facilities, to include control of air movement of aircraft on and around an airport, transmission and receipt of weather data, and operation and maintenance of radio navigational aid facilities."



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Air Force Order of Battle

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